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NEW YORK PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS - 2011 CROP

Preliminary planting intentions of New York farmers as of March 1, 2011 indicate increases for barley, soybeans, wheat, dry hay, and corn. Dry beans are expected to decrease and oats are expected to remain the same. Empire State farmers intend to plant 1,070,000 acres of corn for all purposes (*grain and silage*) for the 2011 crop year, up 2 percent from last year. Soybean plantings are expected to increase by 9 percent to 305,000 acres. Dry bean intentions, at 12,000 acres, are expected to decrease by 20 percent from last year's 15,000 acres. New York farmers intend to harvest 1.44 million acres of dry hay in 2011, 4 percent above last year. Wheat planted acreage totaled 120,000 acres, up 9 percent from 2010. Oat plantings are expected to total 80,000 acres, the same as last year. Barley plantings are expected to total 13,000 acres, 8 percent above last year.

Nationally, corn growers intend to plant 92.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2011, up 5 percent from last year and 7 percent higher than in 2009. If realized, this will be the second highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. Acreage increases of 250,000 or more are expected in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and South Dakota. The largest decrease is expected in Texas, down 150,000 acres.

Soybean planted area for 2011 is estimated at 76.6 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. If realized, the United States planted area will be the third largest on record. Compared with last year, planted acreage declines of 100,000 acres or more are expected in Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, and Ohio. If realized, the planted area in New York and North Dakota will be the largest on record.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 58.0 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. The 2011 winter wheat planted area, at 41.2 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.2 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.7 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2011 is estimated at 14.4 million acres, up 5 percent from 2010. Of this total, about 13.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2011 is estimated at 2.37 million acres, down 8 percent from 2010.

Prospective Plantings as of March 1, 2011, New York and United States

Crop	New York				United States			
	Planted 2009	Planted 2010	Indicated 2011	2011 as % 2010	Planted 2009	Planted 2010	Indicated 2011	2011 as % 2010
Corn, all	1,070	1,050	1,070	102	86,382	88,192	92,178	105
Oats	90	80	80	100	3,404	3,138	2,839	90
Hay, all 1/	1,360	1,380	1,440	104	59,775	59,862	58,973	99
Dry beans	16	15	12	80	1,540.0	1,911.4	1,303.5	68
Barley	12	12	13	108	3,567	2,872	2,952	103
Wheat, all 2/	115	110	120	109	59,168	53,603	58,021	108
Soybeans	255	280	305	109	77,451	77,404	76,609	99

1/ Acreage for harvest. 2/ Includes spring wheat, durum, and winter wheat.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011 was 64.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2010-February 2011 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 1 percent from 2010 but down 2 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.86 million head, down 1 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.80 for the December 2010-February 2011 period, compared to 9.61 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Wool Production and Value, New York, 2007-2010

Year	Sheep shorn	Weight per fleece	Wool production	Price per pound	Value of production
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs.	Cents	1,000 dol.
2007	48	6.7	320	20.0	64
2008	40	6.5	260	30.0	78
2009	40	6.5	260	30.0	78
2010	38	6.4	245	40.0	98

MARCH 1, 2011 U.S. GRAIN STOCKS

Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2011 totaled 6.52 billion bushels, down 15 percent from March 1, 2010. Of the total stocks, 3.38 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 26 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.14 billion bushels, are down slightly from a year ago. The December 2010 - February 2011 indicated disappearance is 3.53 billion bushels, compared with 3.21 billion bushels during the same period last year.

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2011 totaled 1.42 billion bushels, up 5 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 288 million bushels, down 17 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 1.14 billion bushels, are up 13 percent from a year ago. The December 2010 - February 2011 indicated disappearance is 508 million bushels, up 20 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Stocks of Grain, United States, March 1, 2011, with Comparisons

	On Farms			Total in All Positions		
	Mar 1, 2010	Dec 1, 2010	Mar 1, 2011	Mar 1, 2010	Dec 1, 2010	Mar 1, 2011
	<i>Million bushels</i>			<i>Million bushels</i>		
Corn	4,548	6,302	3,384	7,694	10,057	6,523
All Wheat	348	550	288	1,356	1,933	1,425
Durum Wheat 1/	34	47	36	56	68	56
Soybeans	609	1,091	505	1,270	2,278	1,249
Oats	31	34	27	98	101	86

1/ Included in all wheat.

NEW YORK RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production in New York slaughter plants totaled 33.1 million pounds in 2010. This output is down 2 percent from the 33.8 million pounds produced in 2009, and down 10 percent from the 36.7 million pounds produced in 2008. The number of calves slaughtered in the state, at 126,500 head, was down 10 percent from 2009, and total pounds of veal produced were down 11 percent. Cattle slaughter in the Empire State totaled 32,400 head during 2010, up 2 percent from a year earlier, and 12 percent higher than 2008.

Total red meat production for the United States totaled 49.2 billion pounds in 2010, slightly lower than the previous year. Nationally, commercial cattle slaughter during 2010 totaled 34.2 million head, up 3 percent from 2009. Commercial calf slaughter totaled 878,600 head, 7 percent lower than a year ago. Commercial hog slaughter totaled 110.3 million head, 3 percent lower than 2009. Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.46 million head, was down 2 percent from the previous year.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter, by Months, New York, 2010

Month	Number of head slaughtered				Total pounds liveweight slaughtered					
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Hogs	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Hogs	All Species	
									2009	2010
	<i>1,000 head</i>				<i>1,000 pounds</i>					
January	2.7	13.4	2.3	1.7	3,191	1,282	221	314	5,658	5,008
February	2.4	10.3	2.1	1.8	2,770	999	198	320	4,798	4,287
March	2.8	11.4	5.1	1.9	3,326	1,169	424	353	5,139	5,272
April	2.8	9.3	3.4	1.9	3,284	932	349	359	4,584	4,924
May	2.4	6.5	3.0	1.9	2,861	743	310	351	4,065	4,265
June	2.6	9.5	3.3	2.7	3,009	967	307	507	4,826	4,790
July	2.5	11.1	3.1	2.3	2,916	1,096	269	395	4,519	4,676
August	2.6	11.6	3.4	3.0	3,065	1,169	328	545	4,759	5,107
September	2.8	9.6	3.7	3.0	3,251	1,009	335	533	5,108	5,128
October	3.0	10.1	3.4	2.6	3,307	1,002	295	494	5,440	5,098
November	2.9	11.3	4.7	2.4	3,250	1,066	392	461	5,520	5,169
December	2.8	12.4	3.3	2.4	3,185	1,188	247	376	5,714	4,996
TOTAL <u>1/</u>	32.4	126.5	40.9	27.7	37,415	12,621	3,701	5,008	60,130	58,720

1/ May not add due to rounding.

MARCH MILK PRICES INCREASE FROM FEBRUARY

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during March were up from a month earlier, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The price of hay, potatoes, and apples also increased. The price of corn decreased. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Grain corn, at \$6.40 per bushel, was down 4 cents from February but increased \$2.62 from last year. Hay averaged \$116.00 per ton, up \$4 from February but \$3 lower than prices received March 2010. Potatoes averaged \$14.10 per hundredweight, up 10 cents from February and up \$1.70 from last year at this time. Apples, at 26.0 cents per hundredweight, were up 1.3 cents from February and 6.0 cents from last year.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$21.30 per hundredweight of milk sold during March, up \$1.70 from February and \$5.20 more than March a year ago.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 7 points (4.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, broilers, milk, and lettuce and lower prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and cotton. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of strawberries, soybeans, tomatoes, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and wheat.

Prices Received by Farmers 1/

Commodity	Unit	New York			United States		
		Mar. 2010	Feb. 2011	Mar. 2011	Mar. 2010	Feb. 2011	Mar. 2011
		<u>Dollars</u>			<u>Dollars</u>		
Corn	bu.	4.47	6.44	6.40	3.55	5.64	5.46
Oats	bu.	-	-	-	2.29	3.27	3.12
Wheat	bu.	-	-	-	4.70	7.43	7.63
Barley	bu.	-	-	-	4.22	3.97	4.58
Soybeans	bu.	-	-	-	9.39	12.70	12.10
Hay, baled	ton	119.00	112.00	116.00	107.00	116.00	124.00
Potatoes	cwt.	12.40	14.00	14.10	7.42	9.26	9.95
Apples, fresh market 2/	cwt.	20.00	24.70	26.00	29.50	28.50	29.20
Milk, wholesale	cwt.	16.10	19.60	21.30	14.80	19.10	20.40
Milk cows 3/	head	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eggs, table market	doz.	-	-	-	1.060	0.776	0.652
Slaughter cows	cwt.	53.70	62.10	4/	53.50	72.50	73.40
Steers and heifers	cwt.	87.20	83.70	4/	95.70	111.00	116.00
All slaughter cattle	cwt.	59.30	64.80	4/	90.40	108.00	113.00
Calves	cwt.	82.10	53.00	4/	117.00	139.00	148.00
Hogs	cwt.	47.70	56.60	4/	52.10	61.60	62.70
Lambs	cwt.	200.00	183.00	4/	115.00	155.00	4/
<u>Index (1990-92=100)</u>					141	170	174
Prices received					180	197	199
Prices paid					78	86	87
Ratio prices received to prices paid							

1/ Mid-month price for current month. Average price for entire month shown for previous periods.

2/ New York price is equivalent packinghouse door.

3/ Milk cow prices published quarterly.

4/ Price available next month.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter, February 1/

Species	Number Slaughtered				Total Live Weight			
	New York		United States		New York		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>Million pounds</u>		<u>Million pounds</u>	
Cattle	2.4	2.4	2,546.8	2,622.3	2.8	2.7	3,260.2	3,360.2
Calves	10.3	9.0	74.0	68.8	1.0	.9	18.1	17.7
Hogs	1.8	1.7	8,691.3	8,508.6	.3	.3	2,347.6	2,358.6
Sheep and lambs	2.1	2.1	178.9	155.1	.2	.2	25.0	21.8

1/ Slaughter in federal and non-federal inspected plants. Excludes farm slaughter.

MARCH MILK PRODUCTION INCREASED

New York dairy herds produced 1,104 million pounds of milk during March. Milk cows were unchanged but production per cow was up from the previous year resulting in a 3.1 percent increase in milk production compared to March 2010. The number of milk cows averaged 610,000 head, unchanged from March of the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,810 pounds, up 55 pounds from the March 2010 rate.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2010. February revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2010. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,872 pounds for March, 24 pounds above March 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.42 million head, 93,000 head more than March 2010, and 17,000 head more than February 2011.

Dairy Briefs

Item	Unit	New York			23 Major States		
		Mar. 2010	Feb. 2011	Mar. 2011	Mar. 2010	Feb. 2011	Mar. 2011
Milk Production	Mil. lb.	1,071	988	1,104	15,389	13,987	15,763
Milk per cow	Lb.	1,755	1,620	1,810	1,848	1,664	1,872
No. of milk cows	Thou. hd.	610	610	610	8,329	8,405	8,422

Dairy Products Manufactured

Item	Unit	New York			United States		
		Feb. 2010	Jan. 2011	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2010	Jan. 2011	Feb. 2011
Butter	Thou. lb.	N/A	N/A	N/A	141,052	166,425	150,103
American cheese	Thou. lb.	N/A	N/A	N/A	320,426	359,347	328,759
Mozzarella cheese	Thou. lb.	15,867	16,144	14,189	259,090	308,227	274,181
Yogurt, plain and flavored	Thou. lb.	N/A	N/A	N/A	314,514	359,768	351,524
Ice cream, hard	Thou. gal.	N/A	N/A	N/A	63,171	55,942	62,291

NEW YORK EGG PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY

Egg production on New York farms totaled 98 million eggs in February, up 10 percent from last year. The number of hens and pullets of laying age, at 4.31 million, increased 7 percent from February 2010 and the rate of lay was 2,275 eggs per 100 layers, up 3 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.01 billion during February 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.03 billion table eggs, and 974 million hatching eggs, of which 908 million were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2011 averaged 339 million, down slightly from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,065 eggs, up 1 percent from February 2010.

Poultry Briefs

Item	Unit	Feb. 2010	Jan. 2011	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2010	Jan. 2011	Feb. 2011
<i>New York</i>				<i>United States</i>			
Number of layers	Thou.	4,031	4,290	4,307	340,486	341,701	339,287
Eggs per layer	No.	2,208	2,471	2,275	2,037	2,289	2,065
Eggs produced	Mil.	89	106	98	6,935	7,821	7,005
<i>North and South Atlantic States</i>				<i>United States</i>			
Chicks hatched, egg-type	Thou.	2/	2/	2/	40,120	41,366	37,336
Chicks hatched, broiler type	Thou.	2/	2/	2/	699,776	781,123	708,724
Chicken eggs in incubators 1/							
Egg-type	Thou.	9,723	9,554	9,799	38,773	39,701	39,975
Broiler-type	Thou.	247,376	249,505	251,961	642,804	634,192	642,437

1/ First day of following month.

2/ Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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